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BODY FOUND WITH A BULLET IN THE HEART

Webster Man Shot in Cold Blood on Thursday Near Son's Home

CORONER INVESTIGATES

No Clue to the One Who Committed the Deed-- Not Suicide

The body of Vincenzo Russo of Webster was found lying in the stable near the home of his son near Webster Thursday with a bullet hole through his body. He was carried to the home and a doctor summoned, but the man was dead. The bullet hole was not found until later, when Undertaker Bebout of Monongahela, disrobed the body prior to embalming it. A 32 caliber steel jacketed bullet dropped from his clothes. An investigation led to the finding of a hole in his back where the ball had entered. It passed completely through the body, pierced the heart and came out the breast.

The dead man lived with his son who runs a produce store at that place. As was his usual custom, he arose about six o'clock and went to the stable to care for the horses. When he did not return about two hours later, his son went to look for him and found the body. It was at first thought he had died from heart trouble, but later when Mr. Bebout looked at the body he found the bullet hole as stated above. He was 35 years of age and a widower.

Coroner Wynn of Westmoreland county was notified and on Thursday evening made an investigation into the death. An inquest was held and a number of witnesses examined, but there was no clue to the murder, if it was such, and there is no evidence to the contrary, as it could not have been a suicide, owing to position from which the man must have been shot. He had no known enemies, and the case is a complete mystery. The verdict when was returned by the jury sitting in the case, was commonplace. It was to the effect that the man had come to his death from a shot which entered in the back, passed through the heart and out the front of the body. It recommended that the murderer be apprehended.

CHARLEROI LEADS BY 592 POINTS IN CONTEST

In the contest of the Monongahela and Charleroi Christian Sunday schools the local body leads by 592 points. The contest has been going on since the first Sunday in October, and will be closed tomorrow. The locals will lead in the end it is thought. The contest has resulted in much good for both the Sunday schools, and has meant an increase in attendance at the early Sunday morning service.

To Members of Turn Verein.

There will be a Christmas tree on Saturday evening, when a treat will be given. An entertainment will follow. All members are invited. 114-T-S

Miss Eunice Ramsey spent Christmas in Masontown with friends.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT THE CHURCHES

Sermons Appropriate to the Time of the Year the Order

Methodist.

9:00 Class meeting. 9:30 Sunday school. Music by the Orchestra. 10:30 sermon "New Year Thoughts." 11:30 Mens' league. Subject, "Ruth." 6:30 Epworth league. 7:30 sermon "What is the Attitude of the Church in the Present Crisis?" The second of a series of three sermons to workmen. A brief song service will precede the evening sermon; and a sermonette to children on "Killing Giants." will be given at the morning service. Mr. W. S. James will lead the choir. Everybody welcome to all these services. Come to the house of God on the last Sunday of the old year, and get ready to start the new one right. A. M. Doak, minister.

Washington Avenue Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Junior Christian endeavor at 2:30 Senior Endeavor at 6:30 o'clock. Topic of the morning sermon, "Reflections of the old year." Evening sermon theme, "New Resolutions."

Lutheran

Services Sunday at the Christ Lutheran church. Savings and Trust company hall. Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock. Preaching at 11 o'clock on the pastor on the topic "Quotations This Year Also." At 7:00 o'clock the Christmas service will be given, entitled "Christmas Betls." It will be of special interest, and an appropriate exercise. There will be no Luther league during the day.

In the morning at the Sunday school hour, the annual treat will be given to the Sunday school.

Episcopal

8 a. m. holy communion. 9 a. m. Sunday school and Bible class. 11 a. m. morning prayer, anti-communion service and sermon, subject, "The Perfecting Power of Christ's Religion." The sacrament of Holy baptism at close of morning service. The musical program of Christmas day will be repeated. Processional hymn, "O Come All Ye Faithful." Unite--Langdon. Te Deum--Van Baskerck. Jubilate Deo--Aldrich. Introit hymn--"It Came Upon the Midnight clear." Anthem--"There were Shepherds Abiding in the Fields." Recessional hymn--"Christians Awake Salute the Happy Morn." Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Practical Object of the Gospel. Monday--"Holy Innocent's Day." The children of the Sunday school will have their Christmas service and Christmas Tree in the church at 8 p. m. A number of the scholars will recite Christmas poems and an address to the children will be given by the rector.

Christian

Preaching services at the Christian church next Lord's day will be at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sermon themes will be morning, "Resolutions." Evening, "Our Silent Companions." Sunday school 9:45 a. m. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

APPLICATION FROM MARIANNA

Pittsburg Man Wants License to Sell Liquor at Milling Town

Edward L. Miller, of Pittsburg, has filed a petition in the clerk of court's office for a retail liquor license at Hotel Marianna in West Bethlehem township. The hotel is a new brick structure with 3 rooms.

The signers to Mr. Miller's petition are John A. Barr, J. M. Moore, Samuel Barr, Sr., Isaac Gayman, Demas Horn, W. J. Horn, A. J. Martin, James W. Keefover, F. Crumrine, J. K. Horn, H. S. Dotts, Charles E. McEwen, J. H. Hazlett and D. C. Rutan.

With each retail license application this year is filed the following stipulation under the new court rules:

"I hereby stipulate that it is my purpose, if a license to sell liquor at retail at my hotel is granted under the petition herewith led, to keep said hotel open for the accommodation of the public and to personally conduct the same during the whole of a year for which the license applied for runs; and that if I do sell my hotel property and business I will not, on account of such sale, ask for the transfer of my license to sell liquor at a retail except it be at the regular license court annually held by the court of quarter sessions."

BURGLARIES AT FINLEYVILLE

Finleyville, Dec. 26.--Burglars broke into the general merchandise store of J. M. Baer, Finleyville, Thursday night but were frightened away by the burglar alarm which was connected with the Baer home next door to the store. As soon as the alarm was sounded Mr. Baer lost no time in getting into his clothes and arrived at the store in time to recognize one of the lawmen as they ran.

It is the opinion of the officer that the same men robbed the Sears meat market on Thursday night. The haul proved a rich one, as Mr. Sears had a big stock of dressed poultry for Christmas trade, which was all missing when he opened the store yesterday morning.

Miss Schoelbach of Crafton is spending a few days in this place the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. H. Schoelbach of Fallowfield avenue.

Mrs. C. M. Malcolm left today for Cadiz, Ohio, for a visit with relatives and friends.

First Presbyterian

Christmas sermon in the morning at the usual hour, 11 o'clock. The topic of the evening sermon at 7:30 o'clock is "Two More Questions to be Answered." Sunday school at 9:45. Junior Christian endeavor at 2 o'clock. An offering for the Board of Freedmen and the American Bible society will be taken tomorrow.

BIG COAL DEAL PUT THROUGH AT UNIONTOWN ON THURSDAY

A deal has been put through at Uniontown, for Greene county coal lands, whereby John W. Boileau of Pittsburg, agent for the Uniontown financier, J. V. Thompson, purchased from a syndicate composed mainly of Uniontown people in number about 35, a tract of 6,000 acres. The coal sold for \$200 per acre, making an aggregate price for the tract of \$1,200,000. Of this \$20,000 was paid on the spot, while one-third of the purchase money will be paid in 60 days when the deed is transferred. The remainder will be paid in two annual installments.

The tract was secured almost nine years ago at the price of \$26 per acre. The tract sold is known as the Waynesburg field, lying just north of the town of Waynesburg along the line of the narrow gauge railroad between Waynesburg and Washington. The tract was taken up in December 1, 1899, by R. F. Hopwood, J. B. Adams and O. P. Markle and per-

CHRISTMAS QUIET IN CHARLEROI

Nice Services in Various Churches Which Are Well Attended

Christmas was comparatively quiet in Charleroi there being little in the way of celebration outside of the services at the various churches. The Coyle theatre had the Mack Musical company here and it gave pleasing performances matinee and night and there were dances in the Bank of Charleroi hall afternoon and evening. There were few people on the streets during the day.

Pleasing entertainments were given at several churches. All were appropriate to the day, and the exercises were mostly by the children. The Sunday school treats were given to a large number of children.

GREAT ATHLETIC EVENT DEC. 29

The greatest athletic event ever held in Western Pennsylvania will be Pittsburg's Monster Indoor Athletic Meet, to be given in the Exposition Building on the afternoon and evening of December 29th.

A complete list of amateur athletic events open to Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia will be contested, and in addition to these there are many special events in which the Olympia champion who upheld the honor of the United States at London last summer will take part.

Among the World Renowned Athletes who have entered and will positively compete are Marion Shridan, the champion around athletic; Melvin Sheppard, the world's best middle distance runner; Cook, the champion pole vaulter; Porter, the champion high jumper; Hillman, one of the best sprinters; and many more. The great pole vaulter, Clough, the United States champion in the short sprint races, and many more are also athletes.

There will be relay races for Preparatory Schools, High Schools, Colleges, Catholic Lyceums and National Guard Regiments.

Reserved seats are now on sale at Spalding's on Wood Street, and at the Exposition Building.

Unnecessary Noises.

The celebrated soprano was in the middle of her solo, when little Johnny said to his mother, referring to the conductor of the orchestra, "Why does that man hit at the woman with his stick?" "He is not hitting at her," replied his mother. "Keep quiet." "Well, then, what is she hollerin' so for?"

Henry Lape of Meadville is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lape of Third street. Thomas Youngman of Toronto, Ohio, is spending a few days with his parents on Lincoln avenue.

SUIT IN EJECTMENT TO SECURE POSSESSION OF LOT

M. C. Woodring, M. F. Cupp and Leonard Martin, in behalf of themselves and others interested in Normal lodge, No. 295, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites Universal Free Masons, have entered an action in ejectment against G. W. Coatsworth and J. E. Coatsworth to secure possession of a lot in Third street, California. The lot was formerly owned by F. H. Martin.

It is set forth that on March 2, 1906, Lloyd Savage acting as agent of Tuscan lodge of Ohio Masons secured an option on the lot from Martin for \$2,600, for 30 days, paying \$600 down.

On March 15, 1907, C. W. Yarnall and Lloyd Savage, as a committee from the lodge, notified Martin they were ready to accept the lot and pay the balance of the purchase money, but were notified by Martin that he had conveyed the lot to W. C. Smith and refused to deliver the deed to Yarnall and Savage. On May 16, 1908, Smith delivered the lot to the Coatsworths who are now in possession of the same.

The plaintiffs claim there was a valid and subsisting contract at the time the respective deeds were made, that the title is vested in them not in the defendants.

TO HOLD SERVICES ALL NEXT WEEK

Revival services will be held at the first Presbyterian church beginning tomorrow and continuing at least a week. Different pastors will assist. For Monday and Tuesday evenings Rev. Wm. McKee of Monongahela, will be here and preach. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings Rev. Harvey of California will preach. It is possible that the meeting will continue, this to be determined by the success at the start. The meetings next week will be only the preparatory evangelistic service to those to be held in March.

PRESENT REV. BOBLITT WITH GOLD WATCH

On Thursday evening the Christmas services at the Christian church were held. At the end of the exercises, in behalf of the congregation a gold watch was presented to the pastor, Rev. H. C. Boblitt. Other gifts were presented to officials and working members of the church. Mr. E. C. Drum made the presentation speech of the watch.

S. R. Gyselman of Carmichaels has arrived in Charleroi for a visit with friends.

Karl Koffer, Jr., a student at W. and J. college is spending a few days with his parents here.

Mrs. George Snyder and children of Toronto, Ohio, are in Charleroi visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Jerry Barcus.

Gilbert Uptcraft is in East End today attending a reunion.

WALKS DISTANCE WITH KNIFE IN HIS BRAIN

Monessen Man Miraculously Escapes Death Last Evening

After having a knife stuck in his brain 7-8 of an inch, John Bitch, a resident of Monessen, will live. The case is one of the queerest on record, and is a puzzle to the physicians of that place.

Last evening Bitch was visiting in Wireton. In some way there arose a fracas, and another man who was visiting there it is said drew a knife from his pocket, a big-bladed wicked looking weapon and plunged it into the head of Bitch. It did not pass the latter however, and he started to Monessen to find a doctor. After a search of several minutes he found Dr. Weddell, who with the assist-

ance of other physicians pulled the weapon out of the man's head and bandaged him up. He did not seem any the worse for the encounter, and laughed over the matter. He was told that if he escaped from the undertaker that he was the most fortunate being on earth, but Bitch did not seem to feel uneasy. There is no doubt but that he will live if blood does not flow too freely.

The case is one of the most remarkable on record, and is almost without parallel. There is but one other similar case in history, in which a man was shot in the brain and still lived.

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Dec. 26 in History.

1776—Battle of Trenton.

1853—Great fire in New York and fa-

mous clipper Great Republic de-

stroyed.

1865—Desperate fighting in the streets

of Moscow between troops and

striking revolutionists.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:35, rises 7:19; moon sets

8:16 p. m.; moon at perigee, nearest

the earth, hence appears unusually

large.

Dec. 27 in History.

1571—Johann Kepler, famous astron-

omer, born; died 1630.

1804—General John Meredith Reed,

American diplomat, died, born

1837.

1898—The Dreyfus secret dossier com-

municated to the court of cas-

sation.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Sun sets 4:36, rises 7:20; moon sets

8:32 p. m.

Review—Anticipation.

The after Christmas feeling is

apparent now. After days and weeks

of anticipation the holiday of holidays

in the year of 1904 is now history

and we can begin to look forward to

the next occasion of the kind which

comes on the last Saturday in 1909.

We all enjoyed Christmas, at least

nearly all of us. It may not have

been such an unusual day or so much

different from the rest of holidays,

but the spirit which prevailed, the

joy of giving, the cheerfulness which

comes only from Love was there and

we mortals were as happy as our

surroundings and circumstances would

permit.

In this last of the old year we may

look back to the months which have

passed, not altogether without a sen-

sation of regret, however, for despite

the many trials and difficulties which

we have had, there were yet numerous

pleasant occasions that if possible we

would have repeated. It is not in a

person's nature to be pessimistic and

it is only the good things which we

see in a review of the events of the

past months. Of course some of us

have suffered more than others, but

the feeling that there is brightness

and sunshine in the new year is upon

us and our natures exult at the mere

thought that we are alive, and enjoy-

ing the bountiful blessings bestowed

upon us by the One whose birth we

commemorated yesterday. Note the

pleasant and smiling faces of the

children as they pass along the

streets. They have had a good time

during the two weeks absence from

the compulsory and rather confining

duties of school life, and although

they realize that they must on Mon-

day go back to these seemingly diffi-

cult occupations, yet they are happy

There is the true work of nature

manifest. The shining faces give

utterance to the nobility of soul with

which every child is bestowed, and

their delight at a pleasant word or

kindly deed shows human nature in its

true form. If there were nothing

but children in this world, what a

place it would be. Nothing but sun-

shine. So let us moralize, and in-

stead of in the New Year going along

in our hard trodden paths of pessimistic

inclinations, turn to the broader one

of enjoyment presented by the for-

getfulness of all our earthly troubles,

or in other words instill a little bit of

Heaven into our daily lives. Be a

child, yet show all the wisdom and

forethought of maturity in our deal-

ings with our fellows.

Electric Sparks

When I've a quarrel in my mind

With one who's far away

To scorching letters I'm inclined

In which I say my say.

And then I take these scorching

scorchers

So full of ink and ire,

In which I threaten awful deeds.

And mail them in the fire.—(Success

Magazine.)

That women have little sense of

humor may be due to the fact that

they don't want to laugh and grow

fat.

A Los Angeles Judge has ordered

a male jilt to return the money his

sweetheart advanced him to entertain

her with. Cupid has added book-

keeping to his accomplishments.

The world is still very large when

a man can lose himself round the

next corner after promising to return

in ten minutes and pay a bill.

Senator Bourne's bill to give the

President a salary of \$100,000 seems

inspired by a determination to make

the Presidency of the Nation measure

up peculiarly with the presidency of

a trust.

As Great Britain has 61 battleships,

Germany and the United States 31

apiece (with the tonnage favoring

Germany) "Rule Britannia" need

build one more on its "two-power"

theory, but warship building cannot

be statistically suppressed.

The Agricultural Department has

kindly permitted the importation of

artificially colored French peas pend-

ing investigation of their poisonous

qualities. This is official recognition

of the inerrancy of the mushroom-

roadstool test.

Only one man from Massachusetts

among 56 was found eligible for the

consular service, and now Boston

papers want it believed that he was

the only Massachusetts man examined.

This is asking too much.

A judge down East has decided that

poor cooking is no excuse to quit

home. No, but it is sufficient excuse

for pointing contempt at the court

The news columns are chronicling

the achievements of a man who has

skinned half a million eels. He

ought to be eligible for employment

by the Standard Oil company.

A New Yorker has invented an ap-

paratus to prevent snoring. Now, if

someone would only invent an appar-

atus to prevent babies from crying.

They are pulling down Castro

statues and burning Castro portraits

in Venezuela. This is a bad year for

dictators.

So many big men are swearing off

these days that it looks as if the

water wagon itself might get loaded.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota,

says that right and the Democracy

will win some day, which means that

the governor isn't a member of the

"Bryan 1912" club.

The famous won't stack \$20 gold

pieces are said to "be in the hands of

the collectors almost exclusively."

Hum. The ones that will stack, too,

probably.

Twelve million dollars seems like a

large sum for Uncle Sam to pay in

order to find out how many people are

inclined in his family. It would be

cheaper to take the various estimates

given by the cities, but that method

would send figures to astonishing

totals.

The California man who can't help

laughing when an earthquake comes

along should move to Washington,

where he can giggle all the time.

"The theatre," says Mary Ander-

son, happily once again in America,

"should have a refusing effect on

those who attend it." This will call

for the brisk application of mental

soap and water to the brain cells of

the average playwright with a

problem. There is refreshment only

in clean rooms.

"When I hear a man bragging

about hardships," said Uncle Remus

"I just ask him: Was he ever on top

of a powder mill and blown a hundred

feet in the air?"

Too many men who before their

marriage were always particular to

get out of the buggy and help the

young woman in, may be observed in

the wagon while the good wife clam-

bers in over the wheel as best she

may. There is something wrong

when the man is less thoughtful of his

wife than he was of his sweetheart.

They are seated in the parlor con-

versing on the uncertainty of life.

She: "The future is a vast, un-

fathomable mystery to us, isn't it?"

He: "Yes; all we know is that we

have got to go sometime." Voice

from the library "It would suit the

convenience of this household if you'd

make it a little sooner than that."

To the Voters of Charleroi

I have decided to come before you

as a candidate for the nomination for

Burgess on the Republican ticket.

I feel that I am asking a great deal

as there may be other candidates

who have done more for the party

and for the town and the community

in general. I have already had the

distinction of being councilman, an

honor which I always appreciated and

I would consider that I was doing

a gross injustice if I would use that

as a whip for political

furtherance in coming before you

for the highest, most honorable and

best paying office in your gift. I come

humbly realizing the importance and

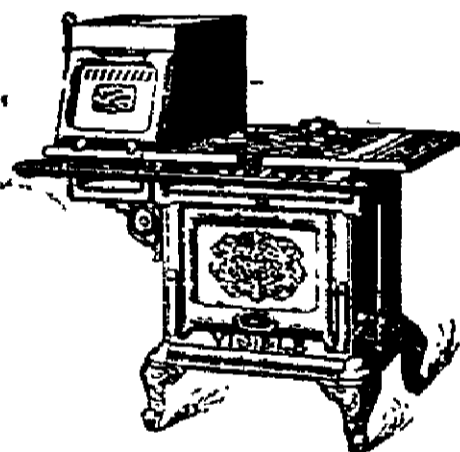
the responsibility that would rest on

me should my request be granted.

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"And you call yourself honest, do you?"
"Sir, I keep the commandments."
"That must be because you've got an idea that they belong to somebody else."—Cleveland Leader.

Resented.

"And how did you come to marry him?"
"I didn't come to marry him," answered the womanly little woman indignantly; "he came to marry me."

First the thick cloud and then the rainbow's arc.—Boson.

sette, and we have read one which, although we cannot vouch for the truth of it, has a decided Kitchener flavor about it. A young subaltern who was in charge of some works that were in course of construction in the Punjab had the misfortune to lose some native workmen through an accident with dynamite. Fearful of a reprimand from headquarters, he telegraphed to the commander in chief, "Regret to report killing of twelve laborers by dynamite accident." Back is said to have come the laconic message, "Do you want any more dynamite?"

Alike in One Way.

"He's quite wealthy and prominent now," said Mrs. Starvem, "and they say he rose practically from nothing." "Well, well," remarked Mr. Borden. "That's just what I rose from—at the breakfast table this morning"—London Answers

These Amiable Creatures.

Maud—This is my engagement ring, isn't it lovely? Edith—Perfectly adorable! How generous Fred was to give you such a valuable one! And to think that folks say that your father paid for it!—Boston Transcript.

Inquiring Boy—Ma, what did the moths eat before Adam and Eve wore clothes?—Exchange.

The Old Master.

Mistress (to new servant)—I must impress upon you, when you go to the dining room, not to try to get the dirt off the 'Old Master' with a wet rag, but use a dry, soft cloth only. Servant—Mercy on us, marm; be I to wash the master?—London Tatler.

The world is dying for want not of good preaching, but of good hearing.—Boardman.

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Next Year has but One Hoodoo Day.

During the year 1909 there will be but one Friday, the 13th. During this year there were several of such days but the year 1909 will have but one and that will be in the month of August. According to the weather prognosticators who figure out the kind of weather for at least a year ahead, a storm wave is to cross the continent at that time. Thunder storms with destructive lightning and hail are causing much damage to crops and buildings. In the southern part of the country there will be heavy wind and rain storms if the weather prognosticators have their way about it.

In 1909 Decoration day, Fourth of July and Xmas will come on Sunday.

Upset Fine Lot of Theories.

Michael Horan of Wenatchee, Wash., who captured the chief prize of \$1,000 by scoring 96 1-4 point out of the possible 100 with a mixed carload at the National Apple Show in Spokane, December 7 to 12, when he was acclaimed the apple king of America, upset a lot of fine spun theories regarding the culture of fruit. Horan does not pretend to know anything about scientific horticulture; he is best known in the Northwest, as the "cow man," while earlier he gained a reputation in New England and California as a horse breaker and bronco buster.

An Early Coin.

One of the earliest coins known is a didrachm of Aegina, coined in 700 B. C.

Henley.

The regattas at Henley are held in July. Henley is in Oxfordshire, about thirty-five miles from London. As early as 1829 the Oxford-Cambridge race was rowed there and in 1829 the first regatta.

Halt of the Picasso.

The youngest girl of a Baltimore family was recently much distressed at dessert to discover that there was ice cream for dinner.

"Oh, papa," exclaimed the youngster reproachfully, "why didn't they tell me this morning that we were going to have ice cream?"

"What difference would that have made?"

"Lots," sighed the child. "I could have expected it all day."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Wanted a Pusher.

"What did the new neighbors come to borrow now?"

"They wanted the lawn mower."

"Is that all?"

"That was all they spoke about, but I think from the way they stood around they would like to have borrowed my husband to run it."—Nashville American.

A HEROIC KNITTER.

No Yarns of Danger Could Deter This Placid Old Lady.

Coming up from Washington to New York one day, a woman was seen to make herself comfortable in one of the big chairs in the parlor car, and when the train was well under way she proceeded to take out some pretty silk knitting work, which would seem an ideal occupation for a journey of a few hours, as it involves no eye strain and gives one a joyous sense of time well spent. But she had accomplished only a few rows when the porter walked through the car. He looked at the woman knitting, paused, hesitated a moment as if he wanted to say something, then changed his mind and went on.

But in a few minutes he returned with the conductor, who walked directly to the chair of the busy one and without the least hesitation said:

"Beg pardon, ma'am, but that, you know, is against the rules."

"I don't understand. What is it that's against the rules?"

"Knitting," replied the conductor briefly.

She laughed, then looked apprehensive and uncertain as to the next move of this seemingly harmless lunatic who presumed to tell her that knitting was against the rules. But she decided to humor him.

"But why knitting?" she asked. "I am allowed to read, I believe, and to play solitaire. Why this restriction on knitting?"

The conductor spoke again. "Perhaps I should not have said it was against the rules," he said. "That was putting it too strongly. But we never allow a passenger to knit with out a warning. Have you ever thought how dangerous these steel knitting needles would be in case of an accident?"

The woman meditated. This man was possibly not as mad as he seemed.

"Isn't it rather far-fetched?" she asked. "Accidents—serious ones—don't happen very often, and if one should a little matter of a knitting needle or so wouldn't make much difference, I should think."

The entire car was listening now, and the conductor told of a wrecked train from which the body of a woman had been taken. There was no apparent cause for her death. She had been taken out of a mass of wreckage which had formed a sort of roof over her, leaving her little or no space in which to move, but quite safe from everything but the possibility of fire, which had, however, been averted. The surgeons had been at a loss to account for her death till one of them discovered that she had been stabbed through the heart by a sharp steel knitting needle out of the work which was still in her hands.

"There was another case, too," continued the conductor. "In one of my trains several years ago there was a passenger who insisted on knitting after I had warned her, and I went away. An hour or so afterward the car gave a sudden lurch. That woman happened to be stooping over her work to pick up a stitch or something, she said later, and in some way or other one of her knitting needles pierced her eye. She never recovered the sight of it."

The passengers all wondered what the woman with the knitting needle would do. They thought she would stop. But she didn't. She only sighed.

"Well, I've got to finish this for John's birthday—Monday—so I guess I'll take the risk," and plaudibly took up her knitting.

And the conductor walked away, leaving the woman with her knitting. "Wouldn't that be a risk?" and disappeared.

A d nothing whatever happened.—New York Times.

Very Thick.

"I wonder why Damon and Pythias were such great friends?" queried the young lady who writes type between meals.

"They were like a couple of girl chums, I guess," rejoined the bachelor with the inquiring tilt. "Got so thick they couldn't see through each other."

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brown, a boy.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hornell, a girl.

Prescelle, Hypnotist.

Nearly every one who reads is familiar with the subject of hypnotism. Comparatively few, however, have had an opportunity of witnessing a demonstration of this peculiar phenomenon produced by scientific suggestion. Such an opportunity is afforded by the regiments of Prescelle the great exponent of advanced hypnotism, and illustrator of the latest developments of mental telepathy, at the Monessen Opera House the entire week of Dec. 28th.

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COFFEE AS A WEDDING GIFT.

A Custom Which is General in Coffee Growing Countries.

"We have a custom, in the coffee raising countries," said a high Brazilian official, "which is unknown in other parts of the world. When a child is born in the coffee country a sack of the best grain is set aside as part of the inheritance to be received on attaining its majority. Usually the sack is the gift from some close friend or relative, and it is guarded as sacredly as if it were a gift of gold or bonds. No stress would induce a Brazilian parent to use coffee which was made the birth gift of a child. As a rule, it is sealed with the private seal of the owner and bears a card giving all particulars about the variety of grain, its age on being sacked and the birth of the child to whom it is given and other details, which are very interesting when the gift is due."

Generally the coffee is opened for the first time when the child marries. The coffee for the reception or marriage feast is made from the legacy, and, according to precedent, this must be the first time the sack is opened. After the coffee is made for the wedding feast the sack is carefully closed and sent to the new home of the young people and should keep them in this staple for a year at least. When both bride and bridegroom have the birth gift of coffee they have started life under very hopeful conditions, so far as one necessity is concerned. Few people know that the older the parched grain of coffee is the better the flavor. Like wine, it grows with age, and that which is over twenty years mellowing under proper conditions will bring from \$1.50 to \$3 a pound from connoisseurs. The giving of pounds of green coffee is a common practice in the coffee belt. Friends exchange these gifts and compare results. When one cannot afford to give a sack of coffee, it frequently is the case that ten pounds of the best green grain are packed in a fancy case and bestowed on a newly born child, with directions that it must not be opened until the wedding day."

FIRST AMERICAN GLASS.

Made at a Factory Built by a Boston Man in New Hampshire.

The first American glass factory was erected in the town of Temple, N. H. Washington in his diary speaks of glass being made in New Haven, Conn., in the year 1789.

One would suppose by the language he uses that he considers it a new and quite extraordinary affair. It was nine years previous to this and during the very war whose issue first enabled the country to commence its own manufacturing that Robert Hewes of Boston began to carry out the project which he had long conceived, but had hitherto found impracticable if not impossible under English rule, that of making glass in America for America.

In 1789 Mr. Hewes selected a site for his factory secure from the British forces (his glassblowers were Hessians and Waldeckers, soldiers who had deserted from the British army), and he must have had an eye for the beautiful nature. He chose a spot on the north slope of Kidder mountain, near its base. To the northwest Mount Monadnock rises its granite crown, standing like a giant sentinel; to the north a J running east are the Temple mountains, bold and precipitous; to the east a beautiful valley holds in its embrace the towns of Wilton, Milford and Nashua, while to the northeast Joe English hill and the Uncoln hills mountains conceal the city of Manchester.

The place is now reached by a two mile walk over an old road, long a stranger to travel other than by grazing cows and nature loving tourists. The stonework about the ruins and the foundations of the building are all that now remain to remind us that here was another example of the American people's struggle for independence.—Crockery and Glass Journal.

Commoners Not Wanted.

No commoner, however distinguished, however great his worldwide fame as scientist, artist or musician, can hope to belong to the German imperial circle unless he be first dowered by his emperor with the magic patent of nobility. No wife or daughter of a great millionaire, however honorable the source of the husband's or father's wealth, can dream of being presented to the empress. The Prussian nobility form a caste entirely apart from the rest of society, and Berlin, socially speaking, is composed of many different worlds, none of which mingles with the other.—London M. A. P.

Saving Himself.

The owner of an estate had the misfortune to get a charge of shot in his legs from the double barreled gun of an inexperienced sportsman. The keeper hastened to his master. "You're not dead, are you?" he cried. "Of course I am not, you fool!" said the squire, rising. "Well, sir, not seeing you get up after you were shot, I thought you must be dead," remarked the keeper. "Get up after I was shot—not I!" responded the squire. "If I had got up, the idiot would have given me his other barrel!"—London Scraps.

The Jaws of Death.

Teacher (after reading the "Charge of the Light Brigade")—"Who were the six hundred referred to in the verse. "Into the jaws of death rode the six hundred?" Pupil—I expect they were dentists, ma'am.—Illustrated Bits.

Not Worth Stealing.

A certain dramatic author was seen by a friend to have a manuscript almost falling from his pocket. "If you were not so well known you would have had your pocket picked," the friend.

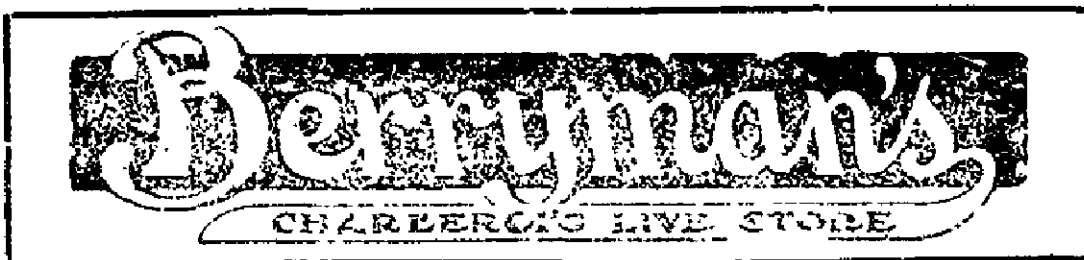
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In Forbidden Places.

A very large mastiff at one end of a leash and a very small girl at the other end formed a combination which attracted the attention of a casual pedestrian in a quiet side street.

The little girl doubtless thought that she was taking the dog out for an airing, but the big animal himself appeared to have the impression that he was the leader of the expedition, and, beyond question, the balance of power was in his hands. He walked the girl along despite her scolding and expostulations at a pace which kept her breathless.

Suddenly, either from a whim of his own or because somebody had been in the habit of taking him there, he darted through the swinging doors of a corner saloon. The girl looked horrified; but, clinging determinedly to her end of the leash, she followed her charge, and as the doors swung shut behind her the casual pedestrian heard this exasperated remonstrance:

"Oh, darnfoud it! Don't you know ladies don't go there! It's only a place for men!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

Quaker Feeding.

"Come and watch me feed my starfish."

The curator of the aquarium led the reporter to a tank where a half dozen starfish tripped over the sandy bottom on slim brown fingers.

"Grab time, boys," he said, and he dropped into the tank six mussels.

The fish ran to the mussels. Each applied his stomach to the hinge at the back of the shell. Silence and immobility ensued.

"The gastric juice of the starfish," said the curator, "is now melting the hinges of flesh that hold the mussel shells together. Ah, look, there's one melted now. There's another. It's the most powerful gastric juice in the world."

One by one, their hinges destroyed, the mussel shells opened, and into the openings the starfish thrust their stomachs. More silence, more immobility.

Then, a little plumper at the heart, the starfish went tripping daintily off, but the mussel shells lay open and empty on the sand.—Chicagani Enquirer.

The MacGillycuddy.

It was a saying of that interesting and bulky member of parliament, Lord O'Gorman Mahon, that there were only three individuals entitled to the prefix "the." They were himself, the pope and the gentleman who is rarely mentioned in polite society. He forgot, however, the MacGillycuddy of the Reeks, whose fifty-sixth birthday occurred recently. He is, if ever there was one, an Irish chieftain and descendant of Irish kings. He owns no longer that fine chain of Kerry mountains known as the Reeks, although he retains the title and also a residence of the same name. The surname MacGillycuddy dates from ancient Roman Catholic times and means the son of the servant for devotees of St. Cuthbert, whose name "Cuddy" is an affectionate diminutive. The wives of the MacGillycuddys, as of other feudal Irish chiefs, are always distinguished by the title of "madam."—St. James' Gazette.

Whether riches really have wings or not they certainly are hard to overtake on foot.—Daily News.

Old Time Drunkenness.

In reviewing "The Early Married Life of Maria Josepha, Lady Stanley," the London Spectator comments on the light in which drunkenness was regarded at the beginning of the nineteenth century. There was a clustering of twigs and reeds along the neighbors, tenants and laborers. "All the guests," says Maria, "were as drunk as I ever had the pleasure of seeing any one." Among the laborers, however, "that extent of intoxication was not reached which causes men to be swine."

Lady Sheffield, who received this account of the festivities, replied: "I would have given a great deal to be present. There is nothing I love so much as such sort of festivities, where one has the satisfaction of knowing that one makes one's friends happy as well as drunk." In London, she declares, "when you give a ball you affront many people, please a few, make many drunk and yourself miserable."

Clay and the Salary Grab.

"Quinn," said an old member one day, "I heard you worrying about the mileage. Did you ever hear the story of Clay and the salary grab?"

"No," I replied.

"When Clay was speaker," he continued, "along about 1816, the crowd raised their salaries to \$1,500 a year. There was a great howl all over the country, and when Clay reached home in Kentucky he found old one armed John Pope, a Federalist, out after his scalp to beat the band and all the Clay adherents ominously silent. Worried and anxious, Clay sought out his old barber, who had always been enthusiastic in his advocacy and who happened to be an Irishman. 'I trust I may count on your hearty support, as usual?' Clay asked. 'Faith, Mr. Clay,' said the Irish barber, 'I think I shall vote at this time for the man who can get but one hand into the treasury.'"

—Success Magazine.

said, "What would you rather do—swim and sink or swim and sink?"

"I think I'd rather die at once," said the druggist, shuddering.

"So sailors think," said the other, "and it's to spare themselves possible long hours of agony that they like not to learn to swim. And they encourage their sons not to learn, too. If there's any likelihood of the lads folleing the sea."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

To Soar Like an Eagle.

Professor Marcel Deprez in a paper before the Academy of Sciences in Paris announced that he has solved the problem of the stationary hovering in the air of a body perfectly free and heavier than air, thus imitating the power of eagles, vultures and other birds able to remain in the air, ascend and descend without beating their wings.—Popular Mechanics.

Noiseless Dishes.

Up on the Alps a new hotel is advertised as the ideal resort for those who want a complete rest cure. All the plates, dishes, cups and saucers are made of papier mache, so that guests will be spared the clatter of a restaurant, and as the material is so light guests will suffer the least possible fatigue in lifting the cups to their lips.

A Kaleidoscope of Fashions.

For my part I commend a quick changing fashion and could I have chosen my period would have fixed on the fickle years of the first empire, when fashions shifted from week to week, and that, too, with such fine shades of difference that only the most frivolous could follow them. Then the great conqueror brought to Paris fashions from the ends of the earth, muslins from India, garlands of roses from Persia, stuffs shining with gold and silver from Cairo; from Turkey, of course, turbans and from the far east shawls from Kashmir, from Persia and from the Levant; shawls, partly black, the brilliant blue-and-green and black and the clear yellow of the seris shawls patterned with all the ornaments of Asian carpet and it not only to hang from the shoulders of the fair, but to give a coquette of eastern fancy day long visions of the orient. From the past, for all time as well as all the earth was then Napoleon's, came the fashion of the tricolored-chapeaux a Croix, sleeves a la marmelade, chevrons a l'enfant, leading to a very modern period who can say what charming Gothic first? How do I such revolutions of fashion enlarge the feminine heart and teach it to live in all ages and all climates?—Lucy M. Donnelly in Atlantic.

Work of the Farmer.

The countless millions of our population are fed and clothed by the American farmer. The grain waving in golden beauty upon the great plains of the west, the cotton drifting like summer snow upon the fields of the south, freight the fleets of nations and lower their sails, thread the continents with track of steel, fill the earth with the roar of trains and heap for trade and commerce and useful art those stores that make a nation great. Where are the sheaves of our strength if they are not found in our great, diversified agricultural products? What victorious hosts ever waved as joyous banners as those that float above the tasseled maize from the snows of Maine to the spier groves of California? What spirit of beauty hovers above southern fields when fleecy bolts uncover to crown "King Cotton"?—Hon. Ezekiel S. Candler, Jr., of Mississippi in House of Representatives.

A Prophetic Dream.

The following prophetic dream was related by the president of a theological seminary: It had been the custom of one of the professors to invite all the students, with members of the faculty, to dinner at a hotel on the annual Thanksgiving day. On the morning of that day the wife of this professor suddenly fell dead in her dressing room at 8 o'clock. That morning at 7 o'clock one of the students woke up from a bad dream. He had dreamed that he sat down with the usual company at the Thanksgiving dinner and that immediately one of his fellow students rose in his place, saying that it was his painful duty to announce to the company that the wife of their host had suddenly died at 8 o'clock that morning. This dream, however, he had instantly banished from his mind as an uncanny probability and had thought no more about it. But on going to the dinner and taking his seat with the company he was unexpectantly amazed to see the student seen in the dream rise and to hear him make the announcement made in the dream.

To Vote On Cash Road Tax System

The people of Fallowfield township are to vote on the question of adopting the cash road tax system. Fallowfield is one of the five townships of the county which has adhered to the old plan "of loafing out" road tax. That the taxpayers are dissatisfied and want a change is evidenced by a petition filed in the court of quarter sessions Thursday. It asks the court to authorize an election to be held in that township at the municipal election in February.

The petition is signed by the following persons: John A. Carson, John S. Rodgers, H. H. Duvall, B. L. Hewitt, Wesley Young, John R. Winnett, Alpha C. Scott, Joseph Carson, Ellsworth Duvall, C. F. Reed, Lot S. Winnett, Jos. T. Irwin, William F. Irwin, C. M. Crumrine, Charles E. Williams, J. C. Power, Ellis Spbar, N. F. Carson, A. C. Spbar, John P. H. Jones, B. D. Irwin, C. E. Colvin, T. R. Duvall, Shirley F. Mancha, Grant Cooper, Paul Hugus, John Rider.

Bank Enters A Suit In Assumpsit

The First National bank of California has entered an action in assumpsit against John A. Powell and Cary L. Powell, trading as John R. Powell's Sons, to recover the sum of \$100 on a promissory note, with protest fees of \$1.76 and interest from October 1, 1908.

The cause of action is the giving of a note of action for \$100 by Grist and Gleason to the defendants. The note was endorsed by the defendants and delivered to the plaintiff. When the note became due Grist and Gleason refused payment and it is claimed that the defendants became liable to pay the note, which they have failed to do.

Foreigner Killed On P. And L. E.

Mike Sisak, a well known foreigner of Webster was killed on the P. and L. E. R. R. last evening by being struck by a train. He was walking along the tracks when an engine approached unawares and struck the man before he had a chance to avoid it. The accident happened near the Ella mines at about nine o'clock. He was found shortly after and taken to the home of a Webster resident where he died at about 11 o'clock. The body was removed to Rebut's undertaking rooms in Monongahela and prepared for burial Monday. The funeral will be from St. Anthony's church at Monongahela and the interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery. The man is survived by a wife and two children.

CHARLEROI BEATS THE NEW EAGLE BUNCH

The Charleroi association football in the last game of the season on the local grounds yesterday beat the New Eagle team by the score of 4 to 1. The contest was rather one-sided, the local team outclassing the visitors, and winning with ease. They played in old time form, and put up such a game which if played at the beginning of the season would have placed the locals in a good position for the pennant. The star of the game was as usual "Jimmy" Ilynds, he making two of the four goals.

FRANK BLY MAKES HIS ANNOUNCEMENT

In another column today is found the announcement of Frank Bly, as a candidate for the nomination for Burgess on the Republican ticket. Mr. Bly is a prominent contractor, and one of the best known men in town. He is well fitted for the position which he seeks, and if accorded the distinction of being elected to the Burgess' office will make a good and responsible official, and one that will be a good successor to Burgess Hott, who has had a most successful term.

Funeral of James E. Coulson.

The funeral of James E. Coulson who died the first of the week at Alamogordo, New Mexico, will be held from the late home in Donors on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The interment will be in the Mingo cemetery.

Mrs. H. C. Boblitt and daughter Pauline left today for Columbus, Ohio, where they will visit sometime with the former's parents.

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BODY FOUND WITH A BULLET IN THE HEART

Webster Man Shot in Cold Blood on Thursday Near Son's Home

CORONER INVESTIGATES

No Clue to the One Who Committed the Deed-- Not Suicide

The body of Vincenzo Russo of Webster was found lying in the stable near the home of his son near Webster Thursday with a bullet hole through his body. He was carried to the house and a doctor summoned, but the man was dead. The bullet hole was not found until later, when Undertaker Babout of Monongahela, disrobed the body prior to embalming it. A 32 caliber steel jacketed bullet dropped from his clothes. An investigation led to the finding of a hole in his back where the ball had entered. It passed completely through the body, pierced the heart and came out the breast.

The dead man lived with his son who runs a produce store at that place. As was his usual custom, he arose about six o'clock and went to the stable to care for the horses. When he did not return about two hours later, his son went to look for him and found the body. It was at first thought he had died from heart trouble, but later when Mr. Babout looked at the body he found the bullet hole as stated above. He was 37 years of age and a widower.

Coroner Winn of West-Lancaster county was notified early on Thursday evening made an investigation into the matter. An inquest was held and a number of witnesses examined, but there was no clue to the murder. If it was such, and there is no evidence to the contrary, as it could not have been a suicide, owing to position from which the man must have been shot. He had no known enemies, and the case is a complete mystery. The verdict which was returned by the jury sitting in the case was committal. It was to the effect that the man had come to his death from a shot which entered in the back, passed through the heart and out the front of the body. It recommended that the murderer be apprehended.

CHARLEROI LEADS BY 592 POINTS IN CONTEST

In the contest of the Monongahela and Charleroi Christian Sunday schools the local body leads by 592 points. The contest has been going on since the first Sunday in October, and will be closed tomorrow. The locals will lead in the end it is thought. The contest has resulted in much good for both the Sunday schools, and has meant an increase in attendance at the early Sunday morning service.

To Members of Turn Verein.

There will be a Christmas tree on Saturday evening, when a treat will be given. An entertainment will follow. All members are invited. 114-T-S

Miss Eunice Ramsey spent Christmas in Masontown with friends.

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APPLICATION FROM MARIANNA

Pittsburg Man Wants License to Sell Liquor at Mining Town

Edward L. Miller, of Pittsburg, has filed a petition in the clerk of court's office for a retail liquor license at Hotel Marianna in West Bethlehem township. The hotel is a new brick structure with 8 rooms.

The signers to Mr. Miller's petition are John A. Barr, J. M. Moore, Samuel Barr, Sr., Isaac Gayman, Demas Horn, W. J. Horn, A. J. Martin, James W. Keefe, F. Crumrine, J. K. Horn, H. S. Davis, Charles E. McEwen, J. H. Hazlett and D. C. Rutan.

With each retail license application this year is filed the following stipulation under the new court rules:

"I hereby stipulate that it is my purpose, if a license to sell liquor at retail at my hotel is granted me under the petition herewith filed, to keep said hotel open for the accommodation of the public and to personally conduct the same during the whole of a year for which the license applied for runs; and that if I do sell my hotel property and business I will not, on account of such sale, ask for the transfer of my license to sell liquor at a retail except it be at the regular license court annually held by the court of quarter sessions."

BURGLARIES AT FINLEYVILLE

Finleyville, Dec. 26.—Burglaries broke into the general merchandise store of J. M. Barr, Finleyville, Thursday night but were frightened away by the burglar alarm which was connected with the Barr home next door to the store. As soon as the alarm was sounded Mr. Barr put on his pajamas and went to the store. He arrived at the store in time to recognize one of the two men as they ran.

It is the opinion of the officer that the same men robbed the Sears and Roebuck store on Thursday night. They had proved a rich one, as Mr. Barr had a big stock of dressed poultry for Christmas trade, which was all missing when he opened the store yesterday morning.

Miss Schoenbach of Craiton is spending a few days in this place the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. H. Schnellbach of Fallowfield avenue.

Mrs. C. M. Malcolm left today for Cadiz, Ohio, for a visit with relatives and friends.

First Presbyterian

Christmas sermon in the morning at the usual hour, 11 o'clock. The topic of the evening sermon at 7:30 o'clock is "Two More Questions to be Answered." Sunday school at 9:45. Junior Christian endeavor at 2 o'clock. An offering for the Board of Freedmen and the American Bible society will be taken tomorrow.

BIG COAL DEAL PUT THROUGH AT UNIONTOWN ON THURSDAY

A deal has been put through at Uniontown, for Greene county coal lands, whereby John W. Boileau of Pittsburg, agent for the Uniontown financier, J. V. Thompson, purchased from a syndicate composed mainly of Uniontown people in number about 35, a tract of 6,000 acres. The coal sold for \$200 per acre, making an aggregate price for the tract of \$1,200,000. Of this \$200,000 was paid on the spot, while one-third of the purchase money will be paid in 60 days when the deed is transferred. The remainder will be paid in two annual installments.

The tract was secured almost nine years ago at the price of \$26 per acre. The tract, sold as known as the Waynesburg field, lying just north of the town of Waynesburg along the line of the narrow gauge railroad between Waynesburg and Washington. The tract was taken up in December 1, 1899, by F. F. Hopwood, J. B. Adams and O. P. Martin and per-

CHRISTMAS QUIET IN CHARLEROI

Nice Services in Various Churches Which Are Well Attended

Christmas was comparatively quiet in Charleroi there being little in the way of celebration outside of the services at the various churches. The Coyle theatre had the Mack Musical company here and it gave pleasing performances matinee and night and there were dances in the Bank of Charleroi ball afternoon and evening. There were few people on the streets during the day.

Pleasing entertainments were given at several churches. All were appropriate to the day, and the exercises were mostly by the children. The Sunday school treats were given to a large number of children.

GREAT ATHLETIC EVENT DEC. 29

The greatest athletic event ever held in Western Pennsylvania will be Pittsburg's Monster Indoor Athletic Meet, to be given in the Exposition Building on the afternoon and evening of December 29th.

A complete list of amateur athletic events open to Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia will be entered, and in addition to these there are many special events in which the Olympic champion who held the power of the United States at London last summer will take part.

Among the World Renowned Athletes who have entered and will participate are Marion Saunders, the champion around athletic; Melvin Sheppard, the world's best middle distance runner; Cook, the champion pole vaulter; Porter, the champion high jumper; Hillman, one of the best long jumpers; and many famous college athletes.

There will be relay races for Preparatory Schools, High Schools, Colleges, Catholic Lyceums and National Guard Regiments.

Reserved seats are now on sale at Spalding's on Wood Street, and at the Exposition Building.

Unnecessary Noise.

The celebrated soprano was in the middle of her solo, when little Johnny said to his mother, referring to the conductor of the orchestra, "Why does that man hit at the woman with his stick?"

"He is not hitting at her," replied his mother. "Keep quiet."

"Well, then, what is she hollerin' so for?"

Henry Lape of Meadville is spending a few days with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Lape of Third street.

Thomas Youngman of Toronto, Ohio, is spending a few days with his parents on Lincoln avenue.

SUIT IN EJECTMENT TO SECURE POSSESSION OF LOT

M. C. Woodring, M. F. Cupp and Leonard Martin, in behalf of themselves and others interested in Normal lodge, No. 295, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rites Universal Free Masons, have entered an action in ejectment against G. W. Coatsworth and J. E. Coatsworth to secure possession of a lot in Third street, California. The lot was formerly owned by F. H. Martin.

It is set forth that on March 2, 1906, Lloyd Savage acting as agent of Tuscan lodge of Ohio Masons secured an option on the lot from Martin for \$2,600, for 30 days, paying \$600 down.

On March 15, 1907, C. W. Yarnall and Lloyd Savage, as a committee from the lodge, notified Martin they were ready to accept the lot and pay the balance of the purchase money, but were notified by Martin that he had conveyed the lot to W. C. Smith and refused to deliver the deed to Yarnall and Savage. On May 16, 1908, Smith delivered the lot to the Coatsworths who are now in possession of the same.

The plaintiffs claim there was a valid and binding contract at the time the respective deeds were made, that the title is vested in them not in the defendants.

TO HOLD SERVICES ALL NEXT WEEK

Revival services will be held at the first Presbyterian church beginning tomorrow and continuing at least a week. Different pastors will assist. For Monday and Tuesday evenings Rev. Wm. McKee of Monongahela will be here and preach. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings Rev. Harvey of California will preach. It is possible that the meeting will continue, this to be determined by the success at the start. The meetings next week will be only the preparatory evangelistic service to those to be held in March.

PRESENT REV. BOBLITT WITH GOLD WATCH

On Thursday evening the Christmas services at the Christian church were held. At the end of the exercises, in behalf of the congregation a gold watch was presented to the pastor, Rev. H. C. Boblitt. Other gifts were presented to officials and working members of the church. Mr. E. C. Drum made the presentation speech of the watch.

S. R. Guseman of Carmichaels has arrived in Charleroi for a visit with friends.

Karl Keffer, Jr., a student at W. and J. college is spending a few days with his parents here.

Mrs. George Snyder and children of Toronto, Ohio, are in Charleroi visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Jerry Barcus.

Gilbert Optecraft is in East End today attending a reunion.

WALKS DISTANCE WITH KNIFE IN HIS BRAIN

Monessen Man Miraculously Escapes Death Last Evening

After having a knife stuck in his brain 7-8 of an inch, John Bitch, a resident of Monessen, will live. The case is one of the queerest on record, and is a puzzle to the physicians of that place.

Last evening Bitch was visiting in Wireton. In some way there arose a fracas, and another man who was visiting there it is said drew a knife from his pocket, a long-bladed wicked looking weapon and plunged it into the head of Bitch. It did not phase the latter however, and he started to Monessen to find a doctor. After a search of several minutes he found Dr. Weddell, who with the assist-

ance of other physicians pulled the weapon out of the man's head and bandaged him up. He did not seem any the worse for the encounter, and laughed over the matter. He was told that if he escaped from the undertaker that he was the most fortunate being on earth, but Bitch did not seem to feel uneasy. There is no doubt but that he will live if blood does not flow too freely.

The case is one of the most remarkable on record, and is almost without parallel. There is but one other similar case in history, in which a man was shot in the brain and still lived.

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shine. So let us moralize, and instead of in the New Year going along in our hard trodden paths of pessimistic inclinations, turn to the broader one of enjoyment presented by the forgiveness of all our earthly troubles, or in other words instill a little bit of Heaven into our daily lives. Be a child, yet show all the wisdom and forethought of maturity in our dealings with our fellows.

Electric Sparks

When I've a quarrel in my mind

With one who's far away

To scorching letters I'm inclined

In which I say my say.

And then I take those scorching

scorchers

So full of ink and ire,

In which I threaten awful deeds,

And mail them in the fire.—(Success Magazine.)

That women have little sense of

humor may be due to the fact that

they don't want to laugh and grow

lame.

A Los Angeles Judge has ordered

a male jilt to return the money his

sweetheart advanced him to entertain

her with. Cupid has added book-

keeping to his accomplishments.

The world is still very large when

a man can use himself round the

next corner after promising to return

to the corner and pay a bill.

Senator Bourne's bill to give the

President a salary of \$100,000 seems

inspired by a determination to make

the Presidency of the Nation measure

up peculiarly with the presidency of

a trust.

As Great Britain has 61 battleships,

Germany and the United States 31

apiece (with the tonnage favoring

Germany) "Rule Britannia" need

build one more on its "two-power"

theory, but warship building cannot

be statistically suppressed.

The Agricultural Department has

artificially permitted the importation of

artificially colored French peas pend-

ing investigation of their poisonous

qualities. This is official recognition

of the inerrancy of the mushroom-

toad-stool test.

Only one man from Massachusetts

among 50 was found eligible for the

consular service, and now Boston

papers wait relieved that he was

the only Massachusetts man examined.

This is asking too much.

A judge down East has decided that

poor cooking is no excuse to quit

home. No but it is sufficient excuse

for pointing contempt at the court.

The news columns are crowding

the achievements of a man who has

skinned half a million eels. He

ought to be eligible for employment

by the Standard Oil company.

A New Yorker has invented an an-

aparatus to prevent snoring. Now, if

someone would only invent an appar-

atus to prevent babies from crying.

They are pulling down Castro

statues and burning Castro portraits

in Venezuela. This is a bad year for

dictators.

So many big men are swearing off

these days that it looks as if the

water wagon itself might get loaded.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota,

says that right and the Democracy

will win some day, which means that

the governor isn't a member of the

"Bryan 1912" club.

The famous won't stack \$20 gold

pieces are said to "be in the hands of

the collectors almost exclusively."

Hum. The ones that will stack, too,

probably.

Twelve million dollars seems like a

large sum for Uncle Sam to pay in

order to find out how many people are

inclined in his family. It would be

cheaper to take the various estimates

given by the cities, but that method

"I just ask him: Was he ever on top of a powder mill and blown a hundred feet in the air?"

Too many men who before their marriage were always particular to get out of the buggy and help the young woman in, may be observed in the wagon while the good wife clamors in over the wheel as best she may. There is something wrong when the man is less thoughtful of his wife than he was of his sweetheart.

They are seated in the parlor conversing on the uncertainty of life. She: "The future is a vast, unfathomable mystery to us, isn't it?" He: "Yes, all we know is that we have got to go sometime." Voice from the library: "It would suit the convenience of this household if you'd make it a little sooner than that."

To the Voters of Charleroi

I have decided to come before you as a candidate for the nomination for Burgess on the Republican ticket. I feel that I am asking a great deal as there may be other candidates who have done more for the party and for the town and the community in general. I have already had the distinction of being councilman, an honor which I always appreciated and I would consider that I was doing a gross injustice if I would use that as a whip for political furtherance in coming before you for the highest, most honorable and best paying office in your gift. I come humbly realizing the importance and the responsibility that would rest on me should my request be granted. If you think I could fill and uphold the dignity of the office I ask your support, if not you can let me know at the primaries on Jan. 23, 1909 and I will still wear that same old smile that won't rub off and will support the nominee if I think he is the best man on the ticket.

Courteously yours
Frank Bly.

How to Run a Railroad

Have money—want more. Begin at the top—there is no room and small pay at the bottom. Procure a pair of sharp shears for clipping coupons—no other tools are needed. Get control of a bank and borrow enough money to buy a large chunk of stock. Hypothecate the stock and buy more. After a little practice this operation can be carried on indefinitely and almost wholly without the use of real money. Do not worry about the actual work of operating the road. This is all done by hirelings and has already been attended to. Go to Europe and have a good time. Some of the more conscientious railroad owners return to America occasionally to order a reduction in operating expenses and a raise in freight rates, but this is not absolutely necessary, as such matters can just as well be attended to by correspondence. Having gone through the motions of buying one railroad it will be found that people still present others to you. —(Success Magazine)

TO RECOVER THE POSSESSION OF CHILD

Guy W. Brown, guardian, has filed an amended petition in his suit to recover the custody of Amber and Myrtle Lloyd, minor children, of Charles and Minnie Lloyd. The children had been placed in the home of their grandmother in Fayette county, and it is alleged were taken by force to the home of the father in Charleroi.

In his amended petition Brown avers that the mother of the children is dead and that the stepmother is of unrefined conduct and low moral sentiment, that the home of the father is an unfit place for the rearing of children of tender age.

The court issued a decree directing the respondents to file an answer within 10 days, when a day for a hearing will be set.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Pardoe of Morgantown, W. Va., have arrived in Charleroi for a visit with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett of Homestead are spending a few days in Charleroi with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Barnett of Lincoln avenue.

C. A. Wright and daughter Ruth of California were in Charleroi yesterday afternoon for a visit with relatives and friends.

Administratrix's Notice.

Estate of James O. Halstead, late of the Borough of Charleroi, deceased. Letters of Administration in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned administratrix, all persons having claims or demands against the estate of said decedent, are requested to make the same known, and all persons indebted there to make prompt payment to: DELLA F. HALSTEAD, Administratrix, Charleroi, Pa.

D. M. McCloskey, Attorney, D-26-J-2-9-25-28-31

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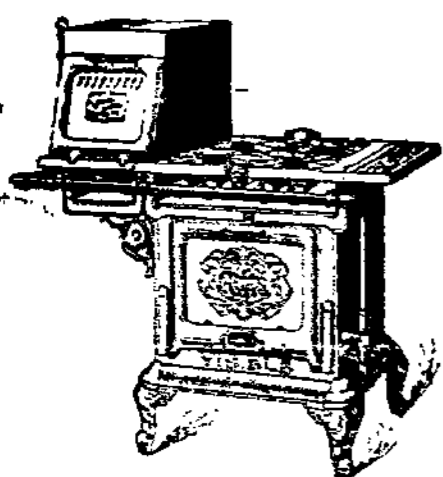
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"And you call yourself honest, do you?"
"Sir, I keep the commandments."
"That must be because you've got an idea that they belong to somebody else."—Cleveland Leader.

"And how did you come to marry him?"
"I didn't come to marry him," answered the womanly little woman in dismay. "He came to marry me."

First the chick died and then the chicken's etc.—Bacon

settle, and we have read one which, although we cannot vouch for the truth of it, has a decided Kitchener flavor about it. A young subaltern who was in charge of some works that were in course of construction in the Punjab had the misfortune to lose some native workmen through an accident with dynamite. Fearful of a reprimand from headquarters, he telegraphed to the commander in chief, "Regret to report killing of twelve laborers by dynamite accident." Back he came to have come the laconic message: "Do you want any more dynamite?"

Alike in One Way.
"He's quite wealthy and prominent now," said Mrs. Starbuck, "and they say he rose practically from nothing."
"Well, well," remarked Mr. Border, "that's just what I rose from—at the breakfast table this morning."—London Answers.

Those Amiable Creatures.
Maud—This is my engagement ring isn't it lovely? Edith—Perfectly adorable! How generous Fred was to give you such a valuable one! And to think that folks say that your father paid for it!—Boston Transcript.

Inquiring Boy.—Ma, what did the moths eat before Adam and Eve wore clothes?—Exchange.

The Old Master.
Mistress (to new servant)—I must impress upon you, when you go to the dining room, not to try to get the dirt off the 'Old Master' with a wet rag, but use a dry, soft cloth only. Servant—Mercy on us, marm; be I to wash the master?—London Tatler.

The world is dying for want not of good preaching, but of good hearing.—Boardman.

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Next Year has but One Hoodoo Day.

During the year 1909 there will be but one Friday, the 13th. During this year there were several of such days but the year 1909 will have but one and that will be in the month of August. According to the weather prognosticators who figure out the kind of weather for at least a year ahead, a storm wave is to cross the continent at that time. Thunder storms with destructive lightning and hail are causing much damage to crops and buildings. In the southern part of the country there will be heavy wind and rain storms if the weather prognosticators have their way about it.

In 1899 Decoration day, Fourth of July and Xmas will come on Sunday.

Upset Fine Lot of Theories.

Michael Horan of Wenatchee, Wash., who captured the chief prize of \$1,000 by scoring 96 1-2 point out of the possible 100 with a mixed carload at the National Apple Show in Spokane, December 7 to 12, when he was acclaimed the apple king of America, upset a lot of fine spun theories regarding the culture of fruit. Horan does not pretend to know anything about scientific horticulture; he is best known in the Northwest, as the "cow man," while earlier he gained a reputation in New England and California as a horse breaker and bronco buster.

An Early Coin.
One of the earliest coins known is a didrachm of Aegina, coined in 700 B. C.

Henley.
The regatta at Henley are held in July. Henley is in Oxfordshire, about thirty-five miles from London. As long ago as 1829 the Oxford-Cambridge race was rowed there and in 1839 the first regatta.

Halt of the Pleasure.
The youngest girl of a Baltimore family was recently much distressed at dessert to discover that there was ice cream for dinner.

"Oh, papa," exclaimed the youngster reproachfully, "why didn't they tell me this morning that we were going to have ice cream?"

"What difference would that have made?"

"Lots," sighed the child. "I could have expected it all day."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Wanted a Pusher.
"What did the new neighbors come to borrow now?"

"They wanted the lawn mower."
"Is that all?"
"That was all they spoke about, but I think from the way they stood around they would like to have borrowed my husband to run it."—Nashville American.

A HEROIC KNITTER.

No Yarn of Danger Could Deter This Placid Old Lady.

Coming up from Washington to New York one day, a woman was seen to make herself comfortable in one of the big chairs in the parlor car, and when the train was well under way she proceeded to take out some pretty silk knitting work, which would seem an ideal occupation for a journey of a few hours, as it involves no eye strain and gives one a joyous sense of time well spent. But she had accomplished only a few rows when the porter walked through the car. He looked at the woman knitting, paused, hesitated a moment as if he wanted to say something, then changed his mind and went on.

But in a few minutes he returned with the conductor, who walked directly to the chair of the lady one and without the least hesitation said:

"Beg pardon, madam, but that, you know, is against the rules."

"I don't understand. What is it that's against the rules?"

"Knitting," replied the conductor briefly.

She laughed, then looked apprehensive and uncertain as to the next move of this seemingly harmless lunatic who presumed to tell her that knitting was

harmful.

"But why knitting?" she asked. "I am allowed to read, I believe, and to play solitaire. Why this restriction on knitting?"

The conductor spoke again. "Perhaps I should not have said it was against the rules," he said. "That was putting it too strong. But we never allow a passenger to knit without a warning. Have you ever thought how dangerous these steel knitting needles would be in case of an accident?"

The woman mollified. This man was possibly not as mad as he seemed. "Isn't it rather far-fetched?" she asked. "Accidents—serious ones—don't happen very often, and if one should have a little matter of a knitting needle or so wouldn't it make much difference, I should think?"

The entire car was listening now, and the conductor told of a wrecked train from which the body of a woman had been taken. There was no apparent cause for her death. She had been taken out of a mass of wreckage which had formed a sort of roof over her, leaving her little or no space in which to move, but quite safe from everything but the possibility of fire, which had, however, been averted. The surgeons had been at a loss to account for her death till one of them discovered that she had been stabbed through the heart by a sharp steel knitting needle out of the work which was still in her hands.

"There was another case, too," continued the conductor. "In one of my trains several years ago there was a passenger who persisted on knitting after I had warned her, and I went away. An hour or so afterward the car gave a sudden lurch. That woman happened to be stooping over her work to pick up a stitch or something, she said later, and in some way or other one of her knitting needles pierced her eye. She never recovered the sight of it."

The passengers all wondered what the woman with the knitting needle would do. They thought she would stop. But she didn't. She only sighed.

"Well, I've got to finish this for John's birthday—Monday—so I guess I'll knit the rest of the trip," and she took up her knitting.

And the conductor walked away, and the woman who had been warned continued to knit.

And nothing whatever happened.—New York Times.

Very Thick.
"I wonder why Damon and Pythias were such great friends?" queried the young lady who writes type between meals.

"They were like a couple of girl chums, I guess," replied the bachelor with the growing hair. "Got so thick they couldn't see through each other."

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brown, a boy.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hornell, a girl.

Prescelle, Hypnotist.

Nearly every one who reads is familiar with the subject hypnotism. Comparatively few, however, have had an opportunity of witnessing a demonstration of this peculiar phenomenon produced by scientific suggestion. Such an opportunity is afforded by the engagement of Prescelle the great exponent of advanced hypnotism, and illustrator of the latest developments of mental telepathy, at the Monessen Opera House the entire week of Dec. 25th.

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COFFEE AS A WEDDING GIFT.

A Custom Which is General in Coffee-Raising Countries.

"We have a custom in the coffee raising countries," said a black man, and official, "which is common in other parts of the world. When a child is born in the coffee country a sack of the best grain is set aside as part of the inheritance to be received on attaining its majority. Usually the sack is the gift from some close friend or relative, and it is guarded as sacredly as if it were a gift of gold or bonds. No stress would induce a Brazilian parent to use coffee which was made the birth gift of a child. As a rule, it is sealed with the private seal of the owner and bears a card giving all particulars about the variety of grain, its age on being sacked and the birth of the child to whom it is given and other details, which are very interesting when the gift is due."

Generally the coffee is opened for the first time when the child marries. The coffee for the reception or marriage feast is made from the legacy, and, according to precedent, this must be the first time the sack is opened. After the coffee is made for the wedding feast the sack is carefully closed and sent to the new home of the young people and should keep them in this staple for a year at least. The bride and bridegroom have the birth gift of coffee they have started life under very hopeful conditions, so far as one necessity is concerned. Few people know that the older the parched grain of coffee is the better the flavor. Like wine, it grows with age, and that which is over twenty years old, following under proper conditions will bring from \$1.50 to \$3 a pound from consumers. The giving of pounds of green coffee is a common practice in the coffee belt. Friends exchange these gifts and compare results. When one cannot afford to give a sack of coffee, it frequently is the case that ten pounds of the best green grain are packed in a fancy case and bestowed on a newly born child, with directions that it must not be opened until the wedding day."

FIRST AMERICAN GLASS.

Made at a Factory Built by a Boston Man in New Hampshire.

The first American glass factory was erected in the town of Temple, N. H. Washington in his diary speaks of glass being made in New Haven, Conn., in the year 1789.

One would suppose by the language he uses that he considers it a new and quite extraordinary affair. It was nine years previous to this and during the very war whose issue first enabled the country to commence its own manufacturing that Robert Hewes of Boston began to carry out the project which he had long conceived, but had hitherto found impracticable if not impossible under English rule, that of making glass in America for America.

In 1780 Mr. Hewes selected a site for his factory secure from the British forces (his glassblowers were Hessians and Waldeckers, soldiers who had deserted from the British army), and he must have had an eye for the beautiful in nature. He chose a spot on the north slope of Kildar mountain, near its base. To the northwest Mount Monadnock rears its granite crown, standing like a giant sentinel; to the north and running east are the Temple mountains, bold and precipitous; to the east a beautiful valley holds in its embrace the towns of Wilton, Milford and Nashua, while to the northeast Joe Augustus and the White Mountains conceal the city of Manchester.

The place is now reached by a two mile walk over an old road, long a stranger to travel other than by grazing cows and nature loving tourists. The stonework about the ovens and the foundations of the building are all that now remain to remind us that here was another example of the American people's struggle for independence.—Crockery and Glass Journal.

Commoners Not Wanted.

No commoner, however distinguished, however great his worldwide fame as scientist, artist or musician, can hope to belong to the German Imperial circle unless he be first dowered by his emperor with the magic patent of nobility. No wife or daughter of a great millionaire, however honorable the source of the husband's or father's wealth, can dream of being presented to the empress. The Prussian nobility form a caste entirely apart from the rest of society, and Berlin, socially speaking, is composed of many different worlds, none of which mingles with the other.—London M. A. P.

Saving Himself.

The owner of an estate had the misfortune to get a charge of shot in his legs from the double barreled gun of an inexperienced sportsman. The keeper hastened to his master. "You're not dead, are you?" he cried. "Of course I am not, you fool!" said the squire, rising. "Well, sir, not seeing you get up after you were shot, I thought you must be dead!" remarked the keeper. "Get up after I was shot—not I!" responded the squire. "If I had got up, the idiot would have given me his other barrel!"—London Scraps.

The Jaws of Death.

Teacher (after reading the "Charge of the Light Brigade")—"Who were the six hundred referred to in the verse, 'Into the jaws of death rode the six hundred?' Pupil—I expect they were dentists, was not I?"—Illustrated Bits.

Not Worth Stealing.

A certain dramatic author was seen by a friend to have a manuscript almost falling from his pocket. "If you were not so well known you would have had your pocket picked," the friend.

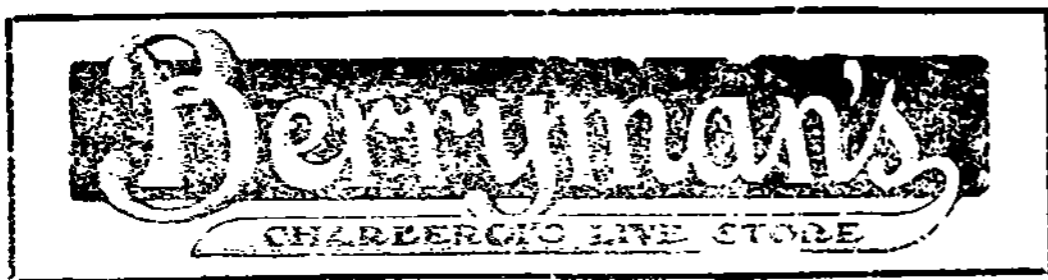
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In Forbidden Places.

A very large mastiff at one end of a leash and a very small girl at the other end formed a combination which attracted the attention of a casual pedestrian in a quiet side street.

The little girl doctored the mastiff, but the big animal himself appeared to be the leader of the expedition, and, beyond question, the balance of power was with him. The mastiff, however, the girl along despite her scolding and expostulations at a pace which kept her breathless.

Suddenly, either from a whim of his own or because somebody had been in the habit of taking him there, he darted through the swinging doors of a corner saloon. The girl looked horrified; but, clinging determinedly to her end of the leash, she followed her charge, and as the doors swung shut behind her the casual pedestrian heard this exasperated remonstrance:

"Oh, dearest! Don't you know ladies don't go there? It's only a place for men!"

Queer Feeding.

"Come and watch me feed my starfish."

The curator of the aquarium led the reporter to a tank where a half dozen starfish tripped over the sandy bottom on slim brown fingers.

"Grab time, boys," he said, and he dropped into the tank six mussels.

The fish ran to the mussels. Each applied his stomach to the hinge at the back of the shell. Silence and immobility ensued.

"The gastric juice of the starfish," said the curator, "is now melting the hinges of flesh that hold the mussel shells together. Ah, look, there's one melted now. There's another. It's the most powerful gastric juice in the world."

One by one, their hinges destroyed, the mussel shells opened, and into the openings the starfish thrust their stomachs. More silence, more immobility.

Then, a little plumper at the heart, the starfish went tripping daintily off, but the mussel shells lay open and empty on the sand.—Chicago Enquirer.

The MacGillycuddy.

It was a saying of that interesting and bulky member of parliament, The O'Gorman Mation, that there were only three individuals entitled to the prefix "the." They were himself, the pope and the—well, the gentleman who is rarely mentioned in polite society. He forgot, however, The MacGillycuddy of the Rocks, whose fifty-sixth birthday occurred recently. He is, if ever there was one, an Irish chieftain and descendant of Irish kings. He owns no longer that fine chain of Kerry mountains known as the Rocks, although he retains the title and also a residence of the same name. The surname MacGillycuddy dates from ancient Roman Catholic times and means the son of the servant (or devotee) of St. Cuthbert whose name "Cuddy" is an affectionate diminutive. The wives of The MacGillycuddys, as of other feudal Irish chiefs, are always distinguished by the title of "madam."—St. James' Gazette.

Whether riches really have wings or not they certainly are hard to overtake.—Dallas News.

Old Time Drunkenness.

In not wing "The Daily Nation," the London Spectator comments on the fact in which drunkards were persecuted at the beginning of the nineteenth century. There was a Christmas of 1810 and a riot among the neighbors, tenants and laborers. "All the guests," says the Spectator, "drunk as I ever had the pleasure of seeing any one." Among the laborers, however, "what excess of intemperance was not reached which causes men to be seized."

Lady Sheffield, who received this account of the festivities, replied: "I would have given a great deal to be present. There is nothing I love so much as such sort of festivities, where one has the satisfaction of knowing that one makes one's friends happy as well as drunk." In London, she declares, "when you give a ball you attract many people, please a few, make many drunk and yourself miserable."

Clay and the Salary Grab.

"Quinn" said as he left the day, "I heard you worrying about the mileage. Did you ever hear the story of Clay and the salary grab?"

"No," I replied.

"When Clay was speaker," he continued, "along about 1836, the crowd raised their salaries to \$1,000 a year. There was a great howl all over the country, and when Clay reached home in Kentucky he found old one armed John Pope, a Federalist, out after his scalp to beat the band and all the Clay adherents ominously silent. Worried and anxious, Clay sought out his old barber, who had always been enthusiastic in his advocacy and who happened to be an Irishman. 'I trust I may count on your hearty support, us usual?' Clay asked. 'Faith, Mr. Clay, said the Irish barber, 'I think I shall vote at this time for the man who can get but one hand into the treasury.'"

—Success Magazine.

said, "what would you rather do—swim and swim and swim in agony till you died or sink right down and die at once?"

"I think I'd rather die at once," said the druggist, shuddering.

"So sailors think," said the other, "and it's to spare themselves possible long hours of agony that they like not to learn to swim. And they encourage their sons not to learn, too, if there's any likelihood of the lads following the sea."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

To Soar Like an Eagle.

Professor Marcel Deprez in a paper before the Academy of Sciences in Paris announced that he has solved the problem of the stationary hovering in the air of a body perfectly free and heavier than air, thus imitating the power of eagles, vultures and other birds able to remain in the air, ascend and descend without beating their wings.—Popular Mechanics.

Noiseless Dishes.

Up on the Alps a new device is advertised as the ideal resort for those who want a complete rest cure. All the plates, dishes, cups and saucers are made of papier mache, so that guests will be spared the clatter of a restaurant, and as the material is so light guests will suffer the least possible fatigue in lifting the cups to their lips.

A Kaleidoscope of Fashions.

For my part I commend a quick changing fashion and could I have chosen my period would have died on the fickle page of the first empire, when fashions shifted from week to week and that, too, with such fine shades of difference that only the most frivolous could follow them. Then the great conqueror brought to Paris fashions from the ends of the earth, muslins from India, girdles of roses from Persia, shawls with gold and silver from China, and from Turkey, of course, and from the far east shawls, shawls from Kashmir, from Persia and from the Levant; shawls, parti-colored, bright blue—and red and green and black and the clear yellow of the sun shawls patterned with all the intricacies of Asian embroidery and it not only to hang from the shoulders of the fair, but to give a concrete of eastern fancy day long visions of the Orient. From the past, for all time as well as all the earth was then Napoleon's, came the fashion of the troubadours—chapeaux a creneau, shawls in a mantle, chapeaux a l'entree, leading to a very modern period who can say what charming Gothic dress? How to find such conditions of fashion enlarge the feminine heart and teach it to live in all ages and all climates!—Lucy M. Donnelly in Atlantic.

Work of the Farmer.

The countless millions of our population are fed and clothed by the American farmer. The grain waving in golden beauty upon the great plains of the west, the cotton drifting like summer snow upon the fields of the south, freight the fleets of nations and bear their sails, thread the continents with track of steel, fill the earth with the roar of trawls and heap for trade and commerce and useful art those stores that make a nation great. Where are the sheaves of our strength if they are not found in our great, diversified agricultural products? What victorious hosts ever waved as joyous banners as those that float above the tassels of the spire groves of California? What spirit of beauty hovers above southern fields when fleecy bolts uncover to crown "King Cotton"?—Hon. Ezekiel S. Candler, Jr., of Mississippi in House of Representatives.

A Prophetic Dream.

The following prophetic dream was related by the president of a theological seminary: It had been the custom of one of the professors to invite all the students, with members of the faculty, to dinner at a hotel on the annual Thanksgiving day. On the morning of that day the wife of this professor suddenly fell dead in her dressing room at 8 o'clock. That morning at 7 o'clock one of the students woke up from a bad dream. He had dreamed that he sat down with the usual company at the Thanksgiving dinner and that immediately one of his fellow students rose in his place, saying that it was his painful duty to announce to the company that the wife of their host had suddenly died at 8 o'clock that morning. This dream, however, he had instantly banished from his mind as an uncanny probability and had thought no more about it. But on going to the dinner and taking his seat with the company, he was unspeakably amazed to see the student who in the dream rose and to hear him make the announcement made in the dream.

To Vote On Cash Road Tax System

The people of Fallowfield township are to vote on the question of adopting the cash road tax system. Fallowfield is one of the five townships of the county which has adhered to the old plan "of loafing out" road tax. That the taxpayers are dissatisfied and want a change is evidenced by a petition filed in the court of quarter sessions Thursday. It asks the court to authorize an election to be held in that township at the municipal election in February.

The petition is signed by the following persons: John A. Carson, John S. Rodgers, H. H. Duvall, B. L. Hewitt, Wesley Young, John R. Winnett, Alpha C. Scott, Joseph Carson, Ellsworth Duvall, C. F. Reed, Lot S. Winnett, Jos. T. Irwin, William F. Irwin, C. M. Cromline, Charles E. Williams, J. C. Power, Ellis Sphar, N. T. Carson, A. C. Sphar, John Pile, J. L. Jones, B. D. Irwin, C. E. Conitt, T. R. Duvall, Shirley F. Manchia, Grant Cooper, Paul Hugos, John Rider.

Bank Enters A Suit In Assumpsit

The First National bank of California has entered an action in assumpsit against John A. Powell and Cary L. Powell, trading as John R. Powell's Sons, to recover the sum of \$100 on a promissory note, with protest fees of \$1.76 and interest from October 1, 1908.

The cause of action is the giving of a note of action for \$100 by Christ and Gleason to the defendants. The note was endorsed by the defendants and delivered to the plaintiff. When the note became due Christ and Gleason refused payment and it is claimed that the defendants became liable to pay the note, which they have failed to do.

Foreigner Killed On P. And L. E.

Mike Sisak, a well known foreigner of Webster was killed on the P. and L. E. R. R. last evening by being struck by a train. He was walking along the tracks when an engine approached unawares and struck the man before he had a chance to avoid it. The accident happened near the Ella mines at about nine o'clock. He was found shortly after and taken to the home of a Webster resident where he died at about 11 o'clock. The body was removed to Rebout's undertaking rooms in Monongahela and prepared for burial Monday. The funeral will be from St. Anthony's church at Monongahela and the interment will be in St. Mary's cemetery. The man is survived by a wife and two children.

CHARLEROI BEATS THE NEW EAGLE BUNCH

The Charleroi association football in the last game of the season on the local grounds yesterday beat the New Eagle team by the score of 4 to 1. The contest was rather one-sided, the local team outclassing the visitors, and winning with ease. They played in old time form, and put up such a game which if played at the beginning of the season would have placed the locals in a good position for the pennant. The star of the game was as usual "Jimmy" Hynds, he making two of the four goals.

FRANK BLY MAKES HIS ANNOUNCEMENT

In another column today is found the announcement of Frank Bly, as a candidate for the nomination for Burgess on the Republican ticket. Mr. Bly is a prominent contractor, and one of the best known men in town. He is well fitted for the position which he seeks, and if accorded the distinction of being elected to the Burgess' office will make a good and responsible official, and one that will be a good successor to Burgess Hott, who has had a most successful term.

Funeral of James E. Coulson.

The funeral of James E. Coulson who died the first of the week at Alamogordo, New Mexico, will be held from the late home in Fallowfield on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The interment will be in the Mingo cemetery.

Mrs. H. C. Boblitt and daughter Pauline left today for Columbus, Ohio, where they will visit, sometime with the former's parents.

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